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EXDIS, FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - SUGGESTED MEETING WITH
CAGLAYANGIL (S/S NO.7608623)

1. THE PROBLEM. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOW-
ING CABLE TO MACOMBER WHICH IS DESIGNED TO FOLLOW UP ON YOUR
TALKS WITH BITSIOS AND GIVE YOU INFORMATION TO USE IN ANY
TALK YOU HAVE WITH CAGLAYANGIL IN NAIROBI:

2. TELEGRAM TO ANKARA, FOR THE AMBASSADOR.
SUBJECT: SUGGESTED MEETING WITH CAGLAYANGIL.
BEGIN TEXT: YOU WILL RECALL THAT
DURING BITSIOS VISIT TO WASHINGTON APRIL 13-15 THE SECRE-
TARY TOLD HIM WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION
OF TURKISH INTENTIONS TO SEND A SEISMIC SHIP INTO THE AEGEAN
AND WOULD ALSO TRY TO HELP GET TURKISH PROPOSALS, PARTICU-
LARLY ON TERRITORY, INTO THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATING
PROCESS. WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THE TURKS THE IMPRESSION
THAT WE ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE.
NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO FIND AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY

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TO HAVE A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH CAGLAYANGIL REGARDING THE

US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, THE AEGEAN AND CYPRUS. THESE VIEWS WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH CAGLAYANGIL IN NAIROBI.

3. THE US-TURKISH DCA. YOU MAY TELL CAGLAYANGIL THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS (OR HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IF WE SO ADVISE YOU BEFORE YOU SEE CAGLAYANGIL). IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT THE AGREEMENT SHOULD MOVE THROUGH THE CONGRESSIONAL PROCESS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. THE PACE OF THIS PROCESS WILL HOWEVER DEPEND ON THE CONGRESS AND ITS LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE, WHICH IS NOW VERY HEAVY. WE WILL LET THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT KNOW AS SOON AS WE HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF WHEN CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE AGREEMENT MIGHT BE EXPECTED.

4. THE AEGEAN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING CAGLAYANGIL'S COMMENTS RE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY POSSIBILITIES OF GREEK AND TURKISH INITIATIVES TO HOLD A MEETING AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO BE FOLLOWED BY A GREEK-TURKISH SUMMIT. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION WE WOULD HOPE YOU COULD OBTAIN SOME INDICATION OF TURKISH INTENTIONS REGARDING SEISMIC RESEARCH IN THE AEGEAN, WITHOUT UNDULY AROUSING TURKISH SENSITIVITIES ON THE SUBJECT.

5. WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS, WE WOULD WELCOME CAGLAYANGIL'S ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS NOW THAT NEW GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATORS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND PROPOSALS TABLED BY BOTH SIDES. WE WOULD SPECIFICALLY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW THE TURKS BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME PROCEDURAL HURDLES SO AS TO REACH A STAGE WHERE ALL ISSUES CAN BE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE TERRITORIAL ONE, WHEN THE FIRST PROPOSALS BY BOTH SIDES CLEARLY HAVE BEEN DEFICIENT IN ACHIEVING THE BEGINNING OF ANY SERIOUS DISCUSSION. YOU SHOULD REMIND CAGLAYANGIL THAT THOUGH THE ADMINISTRATION SEPARATES OUR DEFENSE COOPERATION RELATIONSHIP FROM THE CYPRUS ISSUE, OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN EARLY APPROVAL OF THE NEW US-TURKISH AGREEMENT WOULD BE MUCH ENHANCED BY SOME PROGRESS ON CYPRUS. WE DO NOT BE-
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LIEVE THAT IN THIS PROCESS TURKISH SECURITY OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS ON THE ISLAND WOULD NEED TO BE FORFEITED. YOU MAY TELL CAGLAYANGIL THAT WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO SEND A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO THE AREA AT THIS TIME. END TEXT.

6. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE ABOVE CABLE TO ANKARA.

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